

SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

Edition 208 – 19 March 2021

COUNCIL BRIEFS

The Council meeting was held on Tuesday 16 March 2021 and some of the outcomes from the meeting include:

Item 10.1 Rose Maze Report

At the request of the Shire, Colin Barlow, Director of Gardens from Eden, investigated why some of the roses within the Rose Maze were dying, or suffering defoliation. The final detailed report was presented to Council and adopted.

Item 11.3 Local Government Child Safety Officers and Proposed Reportable Conduct Scheme

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) on behalf of the Western Australian Government (State Government) is implementing proposed reforms arising from the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, including:

- Developing a system of independent oversight to improve child safety in organisations; and
- Developing a State policy position on the Royal Commission's recommendation 6.12 specifying that local governments should designate child safety officers from within existing staff profiles.

The Royal Commission highlighted the important roles local governments play in communities that impact on the safety of children including:

- providing services to children, for example libraries, swimming pools and childcare;
- providing spaces for community activities, for example halls, theatres and sports grounds;
- funding or contracting services;
- facilitating community education or outreach programs;
- regulating planning and development approvals, infrastructure and property services; and
- water and food inspection.

The active role local governments take in community development and community safety, particularly roles that impact on child safety, was recognised as an opportunity to integrate their direct responsibilities to children with their wider role within the community, however there is a great deal to be considered before implementing such reforms.

Councils decision was as follows:

That with respect to Local Government Child Safety Officers and the proposed Reportable Conduct Scheme, Council:

1. *Respond to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries' Discussion Paper, in accordance with the comments contained within the Officers' Report advising that Council have concerns regarding the functions specified in Recommendation 6.12, specifically the training of staff for this role and funding the increased position requirements;*
2. *Endorse the principles outlined in the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations;*
3. *Endorse the principles of local governments being able to support and promote messages about child safety in its venues, facilities and services it provides to children; and*

4. *Endorse the principles of the draft bill and request the Chief Executive Officer to ensure that the Shire and its employees comply with any requirements of the Shire, or its employees, in implementing any Child Safety Reportable Conduct Scheme, should such laws be enacted.*

For a more comprehensive read this and other items contained within the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting visit our [website](#)



John Benn
Shire President

Anthony Middleton
A/Chief Executive Officer

Council Meeting Dates for 2021

The next Council meeting will be held on 20 April 2021. As we are still operating under some COVID-19 restrictions, we have a digital option for submitting items for Public Question Time. An email can be sent to cmpqt@kojonup.wa.gov.au and the Manager Corporate and Community Services will table all correspondence received.

SPRINGHAVEN UPDATES

Hello from us here at Springhaven. We hope you all have been enjoying this warm weather, it's hard to keep up with at the moment.

We have been busy with all sorts of activities over the last couple of weeks. A few keen bowlers last week, along with myself, rolled out the Indoor bowls mat and had a lovely time competing for chocolate bars. One of our Lady residents is the reigning Champ and will be hard to beat I think. All in the name of fun, but it creates a bit of excitement having a competition.

We also have farewelled two of our Personal Care Assistant's and put on a lovely baby shower to wish them on their way. They will be greatly missed!

This week we have had a good time celebrating St Patricks Day (as did our Manager Ciara who came to work in her Ireland jersey!) Finishing off today with some themed exercise, "In Chair Irish Dancing". It was a hit!

We will be celebrating World Poetry Day in the last week of March with Bush poet Kym Crosby coming in to share that special talent.

Take care, and bye for now.
Aleigha
Activities Co-ordinator



Do you know the story that is:

THE KODJA PLACE

A fascinating window through which to view the many paths that have led to the vigorous and vital district of Kojonup.

Commencing with the Noongar Seasons, a mural Painted by Craig McVee, the story is about the Mardjit (snake) who created the water holes, streams and creek beds.



The mural highlights the six seasons of indigenous culture which are as follows:

Birak	<i>Summer</i>	Mid December to mid February
Bunura	<i>Autumn</i>	Mid February to mid April
Djeran	<i>Windy</i>	Mid April to mid June
Makuru	<i>Winter</i>	Mid June to mid August
Djilba	<i>Windy</i>	Mid August to mid October
Kambarang	<i>Spring</i>	Mid October to mid December

The water holes show the changes during the different seasons. On the outer edge of the mural, the colours are of the skies and the inner sections are of changes in the land. For example, the bottom water hole represents a dry river crossing after the summer dry.

The eggs of the mardjit represent new life. The small dots represent the White man (Wadjelas) exploring new and unfamiliar countryside. They extend beyond the mural, becoming larger as the Wadjelas began to make an impact on the land.

If you'd like to continue the story, that will move and delight you, visit **The Kodja Place. Open seven days between 9.00am and 4.00pm**



CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

SWIMMING POOL NEWS



Whilst the temperature outside may be decreasing a bit the Water Temperature at the Kevin O'Halloran Memorial Swimming Pool is still holding up nicely so keep on coming in and enjoying this great facility before we close up for the winter. As nearly all the major bookings are now over it's the best time to come down and enjoy the last few weeks of the swimming pool season.

School Swimming Carnival

Kojonup District High School held their swimming carnival on Thursday, 11 March and had an absolutely fantastic day. Congratulations to all involved and I look forward to another fantastic day like that next summer.

Synchronised Swimming at The Pool

Synchronised Swimming WA are coming to the Swimming Pool this Saturday, 20 March at 1pm. They will be giving a demonstration and then will be running a Come and Try event for kids aged between 6 and 15, so bring the kids down have a look at this spectacular sport and get the kids involved.

SYNCHROWA COME & TRY
SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING
 Dive into synchronised swimming for FREE!
 Open to boys and girls, aged 6-15

Saturday, March 20th 2021
1 PM
Kojonup Swimming Pool

Bring along your usual swimming attire and goggles.
 Basic swimming ability and confidence in the water is essential.
 Please register your interest on Facebook on the SynchroWA event page.
 For more information, contact development.officer@synchronowa.org.au

Swimming Club

Swim Club Championships will be held in the main pool on Monday 22 March from 3pm to 6pm. Come on down and have a look at the kids racing and cheer them on.

Corporate Swim Challenge – Swim to Albany

The CHALLENGE SO FAR ONLY 2 WEEKS LEFT: Team Shire Sirens are well and truly out in front with 87.35K's swum due to being the most consistent swimmers followed by Precise Trezise on 57.85K with the Lobsters 43.35K coming in right behind them. Team Agsupplies 21.1K and The Chlorine Machines 19.15K need to get a bit more consistency from all team members to start clocking up the K's to keep in touch. So far after recording laps we have seen the swim club kids also record a combined total distance swum of 288.7K's which is an amazing distance and I will continue to keep track of how far they can go for the rest of the season.

Entry Steps into The Pool

Have you found it hard to get in and out of the water in the past due to the vertical wall steps? If so you should come in and view/try out our new Entry Steps. They have made a huge difference in ease of access to the main pool for many people already this season.

Aqua Aerobics

Our fantastic Aqua Aerobics classes have finished for the season with classes held all summer by our ever enthusiastic instructor Shaydn. Thank you to all that came and participated over the year and we look forward to getting these up and running again next summer.



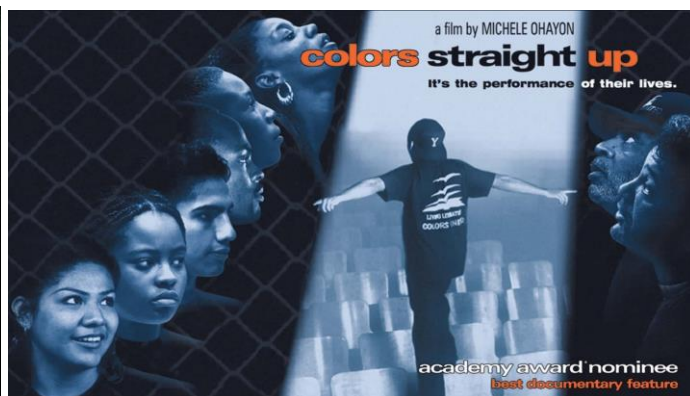
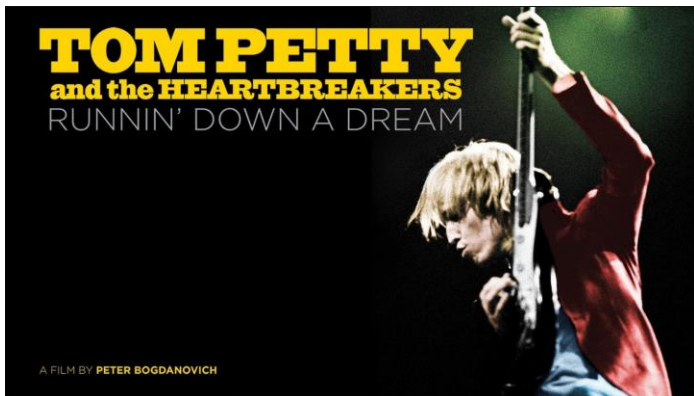
Please Always Remember to Watch Around Water

Gavin Bunbury
Swimming Pool Manager

Library News:

Some of the new releases from KANOPY. All you need is a current library card for access and we can help you at your library with getting one 😊

For further new releases please follow the link [here](#)



Join the WA Public Libraries Online Book Club

Online Book Club is similar to traditional in-person book clubs that might meet at a library or other informal setting, but rather brings this into an online platform creating alternative and complementary opportunities for library members to virtually engage with book clubs across WA.

How It Works

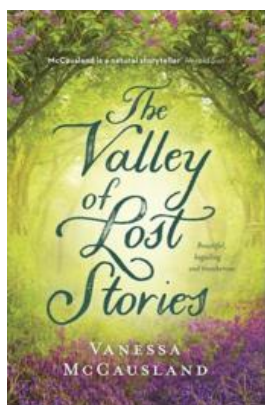
Western Australian Public Libraries has partnered with PBC Guru to create a virtual book club for patrons and the community covering lifelong learning, personal growth, fiction, non-fiction, and other genres participants are interested in. The book club will connect through a private forum where all participants can discuss the current book and network with each other.

The graphic features three book covers: 'THE ALICE NETWORK' by KATE QUINN, 'THE LAND BEFORE AVOCADO' by Richard Glover, and 'THE WHITE GIRL' by TONY BIRCH. Below the covers are logos for the State Library of Western Australia, public libraries Western Australia, and the Online Book Club. At the bottom, it says 'Online Book Club - March - May 2021 Titles'.

- The book club will read one book every two to three months, so you'll have plenty of time for each book;
- There are no membership or subscription fees. Joining the book club is completely free!
- As a Western Australian Public Libraries cardholder you will have access to download an eBook of each reading selection for free!

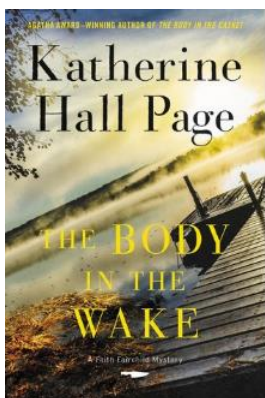
<https://www.pbc.guru/WAPLibrary>

New books and DVD's for our library!



THE VALLEY OF LOST STORIES – VANESSA MCCAUSLAND: Beautiful, beguiling and treacherous ... Big Little Lies meets Picnic at Hanging Rock in a secluded valley over the Blue Mountains. Four women and their children are invited to the beautiful but remote Capertee Valley, west of the Blue Mountains. Once home to a burgeoning mining industry, now all that remains are ruins slowly being swallowed by the bush and the jewel of the valley, a stunning, renovated Art Deco hotel.

This is a place haunted by secrets. In 1948 Clara Black walked into the night, never to be seen again. As the valley beguiles these four friends, and haunts them in equal measure, each has to confront secrets of her own: Nathalie, with a damaged marriage; Emmie, yearning for another child; Pen, struggling as a single parent; and Alexandra, hiding in the shadow of her famous husband. But as the mystery of what happened seventy years earlier unravels, one of the women also vanishes into this bewitching but wild place, forcing devastating truths to the surface.



THE BODY IN THE WAKE – KATHERINE PAIGE: Amateur detective and caterer Faith Fairchild is at her Penobscot Bay, Maine cottage preparing for a summer wedding, when she stumbles across another body in this 25th entry in the beloved mystery series. For the first time in years, Faith Fairchild has time for herself. Her husband Tom is spending days on the other side of the island using a friend's enhanced WiFi for a project; their son, Ben, after his first year in college, is studying abroad for the summer; and their daughter Amy is working at the old Laughing Gulls Lodge, now a revamped conference center.

Faith is looking forward to some projects of her own. Her friend Sophie Maxwell is also spending the summer on Sanpere Island, hoping for distractions from her worries that she isn't yet pregnant. And the daughter of Faith's good friend Pix Miller is getting married to a wonderful guy, with a less-than-wonderful mother.

Between keeping Sophie's spirits up and Pix's blood pressure down, Faith has her hands full and that's before a body with a mysterious tattoo and connections far away from small Sanpere Island appears in the Lily Pond. Once again, Faith will get to the bottom of this strange case—and whip up a delicious blueberry buckle on the side.

THE ACADEMY OF MAGIC – PG – DVD: From the creator of Cars, The Academy of Magic is a spellbinding adventure that fans of Harry Potter will love! Aura is no ordinary young girl --she is gifted with magical powers. When a mysterious creature leads her to Montrose, a magic academy for children with extraordinary powers, Aura and her friends soon learn that the school has a secret that Aura must uncover to protect herself and her friends.



THE GIRL ON THE BRIDGE – M - DVD. The Girl On The Bridge is a feature documentary directed by award winning New Zealand filmmaker Leanne Pooley. It is a glimpse into a world few of us comprehend and a response to our collective anguish about the suicide crisis in our communities and our desire to “do something”.

Twenty-two year old Jazz Thornton survived multiple suicide attempts and is now taking on a system she believes is failing her generation. After founding her own charity to support young people struggling as she once did, she’s put herself through film school to learn the skills she needs to communicate. She tells stories about survivors who have been through hell and made it back. But not everyone makes it and although Jazz has survived she’s lost a lot of friends, including sixteen-year-old Jess. Jess’s death was painful and potentially catastrophic for Jazz and in The Girl On The Bridge she navigates the same feelings of guilt and grief that anyone touched by suicide endures. Jazz promised Jess she would tell her story and The Girl On The Bridge follows her as she fulfils that promise and creates a documentary series about losing Jess, called Jessica’s Tree.

Filmed over a two year period, The Girl On The Bridge follows Jazz as she deals with her own internal battles as she creates Jessica’s Tree and as she increasingly finds herself the face of the suicide epidemic unfolding around her. Young people and their families turn to her in desperation asking her to “save” them. She juggles the pressure of their expectations while doing all she can to change the societal prejudices that helped create the problem in the first place.

The Girl On The Bridge is the story of a young woman with the weight of a generation on her shoulders. Having survived her own struggles and dealing with the loss of her friend Jazz has irrefutable insight into a subject society has only begun to grapple with. This is a film about hope. It’s a film about redemption.

The Girl On The Bridge is a challenge to all of us to try to understand.

**KOJONUP
PLAY CAFÉ**

FOR FAMILIES WITH 0 – 4 YEAR OLDS
9.30am – 11.30am

Join Annette & Alice

Kojonup District High School
Early Education Centre

Come along for some fun, support and learning in
a friendly environment

**This is a 0 – 4yo
free program**

**All the family
welcome including
Grandparents &
Carers**

Please Contact
**Lorreen at the
Kojonup Library for
further details**
PH: 98312412

**This wonderful
program is
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**Kojonup District
High School**

KOJONUP KINDY CAFÉ HAS BEEN FUNDED UNDER THE FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

WORKS AND SERVICES

New Irrigation Installation



We are installing the new irrigation system to the RV/ Wool Wagon area using non-potable water from the old South Dam.

The feed comes from the new water tank in Kojonup Park and runs under Albany Highway to irrigate the east end of the Railway Reserve.



Calling all Community Groups

A recent review of our Kojonup Community & Sports Group Directory, has revealed that many of the details are not current. If the details for your Community or Sports Group are incorrect, please forward your updated details to council@kojonup.wa.gov.au

The directory can be found at:

https://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au/Profiles/kojonup/Assets/ClientData/Contacts_Listing_2020.pdf

LANDCARE

Grants for Women Studying Agribusiness

Curtin's Associate Degree in Agribusiness has been offered 10 places in the Australian Government's Women in STEM program in 2021. This means that eligible employers can receive up to \$5000 in grants per year to support an employee who is enrolled part-time in the Associate Degree in Agribusiness. There are no specific requirements for how a grant amount for an employer should be used; its purpose is to recognise some of the costs associated with flexible working arrangements, such as releasing employees to study. Contact stacey.carter@curtin.edu.au for details.

Community NRM Funding

A total of \$8 million has been made available by the state government to support Natural Resource Management projects across WA. Community groups with a Natural Resource Management focus can apply for Community Stewardship grants between \$1000 and \$450,000. Applications close 17 May. A new Community Collaboration Grants category supports collaborative projects between three or more natural resource management groups. Expressions of interest for these close on 5 April. Click <https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/departments-of-primary-industries-and-regional-development/state-natural-resource-management-program> for more information.

Leaders Scholarship Program

Applications are now open for the Rural & Regional Leaders Scholarship Program 2021. 20 scholarships are available for emerging regional and rural leaders to attend the AICD Foundations of Directorship Course. Applications close Monday 22 March AEDT. For more information, [click here](#).

Volunteer Resource Hub

Volunteering Australia has launched an online Volunteering Resource Hub to assist anyone who helps manage, lead or coordinate Australia's almost six million volunteers. The Resource Hub includes over 350 accessible resources including policies, procedures, tools, videos, templates, guides, research and factsheets. Access the hub <https://volunteeringhub.org.au/>.

POSITIONS VACANT

Community Development Officer (0.5 FTE)

The Shire of Kojonup is looking for a community minded, organised and enthusiastic individual to join our team. Excellent communication and time management skills, a personable nature and desire to work as part of a close knit team are attributes required for this challenging and rewarding position.

Under the direction of the Manager of Corporate & Community Services, the successful applicant will be responsible for:

- Developing strong and healthy community groups;
- Creating a vibrant and enriched Kojonup community through the planning, research, development and delivery of community development programs, services and events; and
- Guide Shire staff on current community needs, to help teams deliver projects that meet community expectations.

This half time position offers flexible working arrangements to enable times that meet the communities' needs and is offered in accordance with level 5 of the All of Staff Agreement 2011 (\$68092.48 p.a. - \$70344.45 p.a.) and the Local Government Industry Award 2010.

Customer Service Officer (13 Month Contract)

The Shire of Kojonup is seeking an enthusiastic and friendly person to be the smiling face of our Shire Administration Office customer service counter.

Reporting to the Manager of Corporate and Community Services, you will join our team and lead our customer service culture. The successful applicant will be the first point of contact for all customer enquiries in the Administration Office and be responsible for Department of Transport Licensing, cashiering duties, telephone enquiries, stationary purchases and other general administration. The Shire values professional development and exposure to the Library and financial management can provide career opportunities.

If you have strong customer service and numeracy skills, sound computer skills, a positive attitude, willingness and ability to be flexible and work as part of a close knit team this may be the perfect role for you. The successful applicant will be required to obtain a Police Clearance before appointment and undertake a five (5) day training course in Perth after commencement.

This thirteen (13) month maternity leave replacement contract is offered in accordance with Level 2 - 3 of the All of Staff Agreement 2011 and the Local Government Industry Award 2010 (\$57305.82 p.a. - \$63696.30 p.a.)

Applications for both positions are to be addressed to the undersigned and close on Monday, 22 March 2021. To obtain a copy of the information package please go to our website www.kojonup.wa.gov.au or for further information about the position, please contact Anthony Middleton, Manager Corporate & Community Services via email mcs@kojonup.wa.gov.au or telephone (08) 9831 2405.

CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICER – CAUSAL POOL

Kojonup Visitor Centre

The Shire of Kojonup is developing a pool of casual Customer Service Officers to provide relief work when required, weekend and peak season relief at the Kojonup Visitor Centre.

This position provides high level of customer service to visitors to the region and residents of Kojonup and requires good interpersonal and communication skills and comprehensive local and regional visitor information.

The successful pool of applicants will have previous experience in a customer service or retail role, have highly developed customer service and public relations skills as well as team work and computer skills.

Although training will be provided, knowledge of the local government act and Kojonup and the Great Southern region will be highly regarded.

How to apply:

Please submit a covering letter addressing the selection criteria contained within the position description and the “Application for Advertised Vacancy” form contained within the Candidate Information Package. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Lorraine Wyatt on 98312 408.

Applications can be submitted to ea@kojonup.wa.gov.au

The Shire of Kojonup is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer

TENDERS

RFT 02 of 2020/21 – DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF ROOFTOP STRUCTURE, NETBALL COURTS, KOJONUP

Tenders are invited from experienced and registered builders for the design and construction of a roof structure at the netball courts in Kojonup. To arrange an inspection of the site or to obtain tender documents please contact Emily Sleight on 9831 2407 or email sro@kojonup.wa.gov.au

Tenders marked “Confidential – Tender 2 of 2020/21” may be submitted by post or in-person at the address below or by emailing council@kojonup.wa.gov.au and must be received by **4:00pm, Wednesday 14 April 2021**.

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